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Date

Signed by: Nancy M. Lambert

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Petitioner disclaims the terminal part of any patent granted on the Subject Application (referred to as a "Subject Patent") which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term, as defined in 35 USC §§ 154 to 156 and 173 and as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of the Prior Patent. Petitioner hereby agrees that the Subject Patent shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to such Subject Patent and the Prior Patent are commonly owned. This agreement is to run with the Subject Patent and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors, or assigns.

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Documents establishing the chain of title of the Subject Application and of the Prior Patent (including the aforementioned assignments and recording locations) have been reviewed and I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, title is in Petitioner.

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Respectfully submitted,

November 2, 2009

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